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STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES

The State's actual unemployment rate decreased from 11.1 percent in June to 9.3 percent in July, as total unemployment dropped by 133,300 over the month to 773,500. Some of the downturn in joblessness was due to summer job-seekers who had entered the labor force in June but were discouraged by the evident lack of work in many areas and quickly dropped out of the labor force once more. Although the rate was down over the month, a comparison with the July 1985 rate of 7.7 percent shows that the Texas economy is still faring relatively poorly. Total employment rose to 7,505,900 in mid-July, but was still well below the July 1985 level of 7,629,700.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	July 1986	June 1986	July 1985
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	120,303.0	119,644.0	117,536.0
Unemployment	8,471.0	8,775.0	8,682.0
Percent Unemployed	7.0	7.3	7.4
Total Employment	111,832.0	110,869.0	108,854.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	118,072.0	118,116.0	115,272.0
Unemployment	8,190.0	8,443.0	8,401.0
Percent Unemployed	6.9	7.1	7.3
Total Employment	109,882.0	109,673.0	106,871.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,279.4	8,204.1	8,262.1
Unemployment	773.5	906.8	632.4
Percent Unemployed	9.3	11.1	7.7
Total Employment	7,505.9	7,297.3	7,629.7
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,108.0	8,076.0	8,093.0
Unemployment	707.0	846.0	581.0
Percent Unemployed	8.7	10.5	7.2
Total Employment	7,401.0	7,230.0	7,512.0

Similar changes took place over the month in the State's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, which declined from 10.5 percent in June to 8.7 percent in July. The Nation's seasonally adjusted rate slid from 7.1 percent in June to 6.9 percent in July, its lowest level in the past six months. The actual U. S. rate also dropped slightly, to 7.0 percent in July from the 7.3 percent recorded in June.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS CONTINUE DECLINE

The combination of continued cutbacks in mining and in various manufacturing firms and a large seasonal layoff in local government pushed total nonagricultural wage and salary employment down by 7,600 in July. There were an estimated 6,666,600 nonfarm salaried jobs in Texas in mid-July, down 17,900 over the year.

Within nonmanufacturing, there were only two declines over the month -- in mining and in local government. The educational sector of local government was responsible for the largest over-the-month loss, as 20,800 jobs such as maintenance workers were cut for the summer. Moderate gains in the state and local sectors were insufficient to overcome this large decline, keeping total government 16,500 below its June level.

Employers in oil and gas extraction continued cutting jobs, paring 2,400 positions in July. With the loss of these additional jobs, mining dropped 58,500 below its

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	July'86*	June'86**	July'85**	July'86*	June'86**	July'85**	July'86*	June'86**	July'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	51,900	52,200	52,500	80,800	81,100	81,200	364,400	363,100	354,700
Manufacturing	5,100	5,100	5,400	10,200	10,200	10,200	41,000	41,200	42,700
Mining	3,400	3,400	4,000	1,400	1,500	1,900	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	3,000	2,900	2,900	4,000	4,000	4,700	25,700	25,600	28,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,900	6,100	5,900	6,400	11,500	11,300	10,600
Trade	14,500	14,500	14,200	24,800	24,900	24,200	82,800	82,400	80,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,800	2,800	2,800	4,400	4,400	4,600	25,600	25,700	24,800
Services & Misc.	12,900	12,900	12,800	16,700	16,800	16,600	85,100	84,500	81,000
Government	7,500	7,900	7,500	13,200	13,400	12,600	91,600	91,300	85,800
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	128,000	128,600	136,700	57,100	58,300	58,500	65,500	65,500	64,200
Manufacturing	25,100	25,000	27,300	15,500	15,600	16,700	9,100	9,100	10,000
Mining	1,300	1,400	2,500	1,600	1,700	1,900	100	100	100
Construction	8,400	8,400	10,100	5,800	6,100	6,100	3,200	3,100	3,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,400	10,400	2,200	2,100	2,200	3,400	3,300	3,400
Trade	32,400	32,500	33,500	11,400	11,400	11,700	18,400	18,400	18,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,300	5,800	2,300	2,300	2,400	3,600	3,600	3,600
Services & Misc.	27,300	27,600	28,400	8,300	8,300	8,100	13,900	13,700	12,800
Government	18,600	19,000	18,700	10,000	10,800	9,400	13,800	14,200	12,500
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION 2/			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
TOTAL	47,000	46,900	47,300	133,100	133,200	134,900	1,347.8	1,357.0	1,312.4
Manufacturing	3,300	3,200	3,700	12,200	12,000	13,000	235.8	234.8	233.7
Mining	1,000	1,000	1,300	6,200	6,300	8,100	22.2	22.3	24.2
Construction	2,700	2,600	2,800	11,600	11,200	11,400	80.2	82.4	88.4
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,500	1,600	7,300	7,400	7,700	85.7	85.7	83.7
Trade	11,000	11,300	10,900	34,200	34,100	34,400	360.6	360.5	349.2
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,800	2,100	7,000	7,000	7,000	133.7	133.6	127.3
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,600	7,600	27,800	27,700	27,300	295.3	296.3	277.8
Government	18,100	17,900	17,300	26,800	27,500	26,000	134.3	141.4	128.1
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	177,700	178,300	176,500	509,200	511,200	503,900	71,800	73,400	72,100
Manufacturing	34,100	34,100	36,100	113,800	114,500	114,800	9,700	9,700	10,800
Mining	300	400	300	3,500	3,500	4,400	400	500	800
Construction	9,500	9,500	9,500	33,500	33,000	34,900	2,900	2,900	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,200	9,100	9,900	28,100	27,300	26,700	5,600	5,500	5,700
Trade	46,000	46,000	44,500	138,300	138,300	136,100	14,400	14,300	14,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,500	9,500	9,200	28,300	28,000	28,100	4,700	4,700	4,700
Services & Misc.	34,000	34,300	33,200	106,800	107,000	102,500	13,700	13,500	13,400
Government	35,100	35,400	33,800	56,900	59,600	56,400	20,400	22,300	18,900

year-ago total. Over three-fourths of these deleted positions have been cut since January 1986. On a brighter note, the July loss was the smallest over-the-month decrease since January, when the real slump began. Hopefully, this signals a bottoming-out of the downturn in oil and gas.

For the first time since March, construction posted a gain in July, adding 1,000 positions. Construction activity is normally strongest during the summer, taking advantage of good weather and the availability of temporary summer workers. The largest over-the-month increase among the major industries appeared in transportation and public utilities, but the bulk of this gain was due to communication workers returning to their jobs following a labor-management dispute in June. Other sectors within this group recorded moderate gains and losses.

Seasonal activities boosted retail trade considerably over the month, with the largest growth in the other retail trade sector, which includes eating and drinking places, and in food stores, where students are often hired for the busy summer months. Employers in services reported interspersed growth and declines in July, with increases outweighing losses by 3,100. Health services (including hospitals and nursing homes) added 1,900 jobs; and amusements, including motion pictures, gained 1,400 workers.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	July'86*	June'86**	July'85**
	HOUSTON 3/		
TOTAL	1,469.8	1,475.1	1,491.1
Manufacturing	161.3	162.5	174.5
Mining	80.2	82.0	92.4
Construction	98.9	98.2	108.9
Trans., Comm., & Util.	99.8	98.3	101.3
Trade	370.7	370.5	381.7
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	115.4	115.2	110.9
Services & Misc.	358.8	358.4	348.6
Government	184.7	190.0	172.8
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	67,200	67,500	68,700
Manufacturing	15,500	15,600	16,400
Mining	4,100	4,200	4,600
Construction	3,200	3,200	3,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,600	3,600	3,700
Trade	18,000	18,000	17,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,500	3,500	3,400
Services & Misc.	11,600	11,700	11,800
Government	7,700	7,700	7,500
	MIDLAND		
TOTAL	46,400	46,600	49,300
Manufacturing	3,600	3,600	3,800
Mining	9,300	9,200	11,500
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,400
Trade	10,800	11,000	11,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	3,300
Services & Misc.	9,000	9,000	9,200
Government	6,000	6,100	5,500
	SAN ANTONIO		
TOTAL	483,500	486,300	479,300
Manufacturing	48,700	48,700	50,700
Mining	2,700	2,700	3,300
Construction	35,300	35,600	38,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,600	18,500	19,200
Trade	127,300	126,500	125,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	37,300	37,300	35,700
Services & Misc.	111,400	111,000	107,800
Government	102,300	106,000	99,200
	TYLER		
TOTAL	63,000	63,800	63,000
Manufacturing	11,000	11,700	12,000
Mining	2,100	2,100	2,800
Construction	3,000	2,900	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,100
Trade	17,700	17,700	17,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,100	4,100	3,900
Services & Misc.	13,600	13,600	13,200
Government	8,400	8,600	7,900
	WICHITA FALLS 2/		
TOTAL	51,300	51,700	51,600
Manufacturing	8,700	8,700	8,400
Mining	2,600	2,600	3,000
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,900
Trade	12,900	12,800	13,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,400
Services & Misc.	9,900	9,900	9,700
Government	10,000	10,500	10,000

Industry	July'86*	June'86**	July'85**
	KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	68,900	68,900	67,100
Manufacturing	8,900	8,900	8,900
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	4,100	4,000	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,900
Trade	16,500	16,500	16,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,000	3,000
Services & Misc.	13,700	13,500	12,600
Government	19,700	20,000	18,800
	LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	89,200	89,400	90,300
Manufacturing	7,100	7,200	8,000
Mining	400	400	600
Construction	4,300	4,500	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,400	4,300	4,600
Trade	27,100	27,400	27,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,200	5,400
Services & Misc.	20,000	19,800	19,800
Government	20,500	20,600	20,300
	ODESSA		
TOTAL	46,600	47,200	52,700
Manufacturing	4,400	4,500	5,200
Mining	6,800	6,900	9,200
Construction	2,300	2,500	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,300	2,200	2,600
Trade	13,700	13,900	14,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,000	8,000	8,100
Government	7,200	7,300	7,400
	SHERMAN-DENISON 2/		
TOTAL	37,200	37,200	37,100
Manufacturing	11,400	11,500	11,900
Mining	300	300	300
Construction	2,000	1,900	1,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,100	2,100	2,000
Trade	8,300	8,200	8,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,400
Services & Misc.	7,000	7,000	7,000
Government	4,700	4,800	4,600
	VICTORIA 2/		
TOTAL	27,900	27,900	30,100
Manufacturing	3,200	3,300	3,200
Mining	2,400	2,300	3,200
Construction	1,800	1,700	2,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,600
Trade	7,900	8,100	8,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,700
Services & Misc.	5,400	5,400	5,400
Government	4,200	4,100	4,100

Industry	July'86*	June'86**	July'85**
	LAREDO 2/		
TOTAL	35,000	35,100	34,600
Manufacturing	1,700	1,700	1,800
Mining	1,600	1,600	2,200
Construction	1,400	1,400	1,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,800	3,800	3,800
Trade	10,600	10,600	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,500	1,500
Services & Misc.	6,200	6,200	5,600
Government	8,100	8,300	7,700
	MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	81,800	86,000	79,600
Manufacturing	11,800	12,500	11,300
Mining	1,400	1,300	1,700
Construction	4,500	4,600	4,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	25,000	26,900	24,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,000	4,000	3,800
Services & Misc.	13,300	13,400	12,800
Government	19,200	20,700	18,100
	SAN ANGELO 2/		
TOTAL	36,200	36,400	37,100
Manufacturing	5,700	5,600	5,500
Mining	600	600	900
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	2,900	3,000
Trade	9,300	9,300	9,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,000
Services & Misc.	7,500	7,500	7,600
Government	6,200	6,500	6,300
	TEXARKANA 2/		
TOTAL	45,200	45,500	46,200
Manufacturing	7,200	7,200	7,800
Mining	--	--	--
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,000	2,100
Trade	11,400	11,200	10,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	9,000	9,100	8,600
Government	11,400	11,900	12,500
	WACO		
TOTAL	76,600	77,500	77,300
Manufacturing	15,400	15,700	16,700
Mining	200	200	200
Construction	4,800	4,600	4,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,600	3,600	3,600
Trade	18,900	18,900	18,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,800	4,800	4,700
Services & Misc.	17,800	17,700	17,800
Government	11,100	12,000	10,800

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.
1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, with specified exceptions.
2/ Estimates prepared under the auspices of the Texas Employment Commission.
3/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	July 1986*	June 1986**	July 1985**	Change From June 1986	Change From July 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,666,600	6,674,200	6,684,500	-7,600	-17,900
Manufacturing	965,800	972,600	1,009,000	-6,800	-43,200
Durable Goods	562,700	565,200	596,000	-2,500	-33,300
Lumber & Wood Products	41,600	41,800	42,300	-200	-700
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,600	7,700	7,700	-100	-100
Furniture & Fixtures	16,900	17,000	17,800	-100	-900
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,000	48,500	50,200	-500	-2,200
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,600	22,900	24,000	-300	-1,400
Primary Metal Industries	29,000	29,800	33,700	-800	-4,700
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,300	78,300	83,700	-1,000	-6,400
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	40,200	40,300	43,200	-100	-3,000
Machinery, Except Electrical	115,800	117,000	137,300	-1,200	-21,500
Oil Field Machinery	26,800	27,600	40,400	-800	-13,600
Electric & Electronic Equipment	118,400	116,400	116,300	2,000	2,100
Transportation Equipment	81,800	81,600	79,100	200	2,700
Aircraft & Parts	46,300	46,100	41,000	200	5,300
Instruments & Related Products	22,300	22,800	23,300	-500	-1,000
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	11,600	12,000	12,300	-400	-700
Nondurable Goods	403,100	407,400	413,000	-4,300	-9,900
Food & Kindred Products	97,700	98,900	95,200	-1,200	2,500
Meat Products	26,800	27,100	26,000	-300	800
Dairy Products	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Bakery Products	10,700	10,800	10,700	-100	0
Malt Beverages	3,100	3,100	3,100	0	0
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,200	4,800	-200	-800
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	54,100	56,100	56,800	-2,000	-2,700
Paper & Allied Products	23,100	23,100	23,000	0	100
Printing & Publishing	77,300	77,100	74,700	200	2,600
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	39,400	39,300	37,100	100	2,300
Chemicals & Allied Products	75,400	75,600	78,200	-200	-2,800
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,600	31,800	38,500	-200	-6,900
Petroleum Refining	28,900	29,000	35,500	-100	-6,600
Leather & Leather Products	6,600	6,900	7,800	-300	-1,200
Other Nondurable Goods	33,300	33,700	34,000	-400	-700
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,700,800	5,701,600	5,675,500	-800	25,300
Mining	202,800	205,200	261,300	-2,400	-58,500
Oil & Gas Extraction	195,000	197,400	252,800	-2,400	-57,800
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	7,800	7,800	8,500	0	-700
Construction	434,100	433,100	460,500	1,000	-26,400
Transportation & Public Utilities	377,400	370,300	387,000	7,100	-9,600
Railroad Transportation	22,100	22,000	23,900	100	-1,800
Transportation, Except Railroads	188,300	187,800	191,100	500	-2,800
Transportation by Air	51,000	50,100	47,100	900	3,900
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	88,800	82,100	90,600	6,700	-1,800
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	78,200	78,400	81,400	-200	-3,200
Electric Services	45,700	45,800	45,900	-100	-200
Gas Production & Distribution	25,000	25,200	28,900	-200	-3,900
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,721,800	1,717,300	1,709,700	4,500	12,100
Wholesale Trade	435,400	436,800	447,100	-1,400	-11,700
Retail Trade	1,286,400	1,280,500	1,262,600	5,900	23,800
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	50,100	51,600	56,400	-1,500	-6,300
General Merchandise Stores	163,200	162,500	157,600	700	5,600
Food Stores	236,200	234,200	225,400	2,000	10,800
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	147,000	145,900	145,500	1,100	1,500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,400	81,000	83,900	-600	-3,500
Other Retail Trade	609,500	605,300	593,800	4,200	15,700
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	457,800	455,400	443,000	2,400	14,800
Banking	105,300	105,500	108,300	-200	-3,000
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	142,600	142,000	134,200	600	8,400
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	209,900	207,900	200,500	2,000	9,400
Services	1,389,100	1,386,000	1,360,700	3,100	28,400
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	90,600	91,200	89,400	-600	1,200
Personal Services	84,800	83,900	79,000	900	5,800
Business & Repair Services	381,300	381,700	380,200	-400	1,100
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	60,100	58,700	62,200	1,400	-2,100
Health Services	362,700	360,800	350,600	1,900	12,100
Educational Services	58,700	59,500	57,600	-800	1,100
Other Services & Miscellaneous	350,900	350,200	341,700	700	9,200
Total Government	1,117,800	1,134,300	1,053,300	-16,500	64,500
Total Federal Government	192,100	192,000	188,200	100	3,900
Total State Government	236,000	231,800	229,600	4,200	6,400
Total Local Government	689,700	710,500	635,500	-20,800	54,200

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	July'86*	June'86**	July'85**	July'86*	June'86**	July'85**	July'86*	June'86**	July'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,800	56,200	56,500	102,000	100,000	103,800	424,100	413,600	416,700
Total Unemployment	5,700	6,400	3,600	7,000	7,900	6,200	24,500	28,300	20,600
Percent Unemployed	10.0	11.4	6.4	6.9	7.9	6.0	5.8	6.8	4.9
Total Employment 2/	51,100	49,800	52,900	95,000	92,100	97,600	399,600	385,300	396,100
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	162,400	164,100	175,700	80,600	81,400	81,600	95,700	95,600	94,200
Total Unemployment	25,300	30,500	26,600	9,700	11,500	7,800	15,500	18,200	14,200
Percent Unemployed	15.6	18.6	15.1	12.0	14.1	9.6	16.2	19.0	15.1
Total Employment 2/	137,100	133,600	149,100	70,900	69,900	73,800	80,200	77,400	80,000
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,600	55,500	56,800	169,700	170,400	170,000	1,418.7	1,397.5	1,393.7
Total Unemployment	4,300	5,000	3,300	21,200	25,900	17,100	83.6	97.6	72.9
Percent Unemployed	7.6	9.0	5.8	12.5	15.2	10.1	5.9	7.0	5.2
Total Employment 2/	52,300	50,500	53,500	148,500	144,500	152,900	1,335.1	1,299.9	1,320.8
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	218,400	216,900	219,000	650,800	639,500	646,000	107,900	109,100	110,500
Total Unemployment	26,900	31,600	25,600	45,400	52,600	36,800	12,600	15,000	12,300
Percent Unemployed	12.3	14.6	11.7	7.0	8.2	5.7	11.7	13.7	11.1
Total Employment 2/	191,500	185,300	193,400	605,400	586,900	609,200	95,300	94,100	98,200
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,686.2	1,672.3	1,702.1	89,100	87,400	87,900	44,300	44,400	43,700
Total Unemployment	181.3	212.0	147.4	7,300	8,200	6,300	7,300	8,500	6,000
Percent Unemployed	10.8	12.7	8.7	8.2	9.4	7.2	16.5	19.1	13.7
Total Employment 2/	1,504.9	1,460.3	1,554.7	81,800	79,200	81,600	37,000	35,900	37,700
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	82,800	82,600	83,200	108,700	107,400	111,200	133,500	141,700	132,600
Total Unemployment	11,200	13,200	8,500	7,700	9,300	7,600	26,100	29,700	25,400
Percent Unemployed	13.5	16.0	10.2	7.1	8.7	6.8	19.6	21.0	19.2
Total Employment 2/	71,600	69,400	74,700	101,000	98,100	103,600	107,400	112,000	107,200
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,400	53,600	54,700	62,100	62,600	63,400	45,100	44,400	46,000
Total Unemployment	6,800	7,600	3,400	11,100	12,300	4,400	3,800	4,100	2,800
Percent Unemployed	12.5	14.2	6.2	17.9	19.6	6.9	8.4	9.2	6.1
Total Employment 2/	47,600	46,000	51,300	51,000	50,300	59,000	41,300	40,300	43,200
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	567,300	559,900	567,500	47,100	46,300	47,300	57,500	57,300	58,500
Total Unemployment	42,400	49,900	37,900	3,900	4,400	3,500	5,400	6,400	4,900
Percent Unemployed	7.5	8.9	6.7	8.3	9.5	7.4	9.4	11.2	8.4
Total Employment 2/	524,900	510,000	529,600	43,200	41,900	43,800	52,100	50,900	53,600
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,700	76,200	76,700	37,800	37,500	40,000	89,500	88,700	89,900
Total Unemployment	6,700	8,100	5,400	4,500	5,300	3,000	7,500	8,600	6,200
Percent Unemployed	8.7	10.6	7.0	11.9	14.1	7.5	8.4	9.7	6.9
Total Employment 2/	70,000	68,100	71,300	33,300	32,200	37,000	82,000	80,100	83,700
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,600	57,300	57,700				8,279.4	8,204.1	8,262.1
Total Unemployment	4,900	5,900	3,600				773.5	906.8	632.4
Percent Unemployed	8.5	10.3	6.2				9.3	11.1	7.7
Total Employment 2/	52,700	51,400	54,100				7,505.9	7,297.3	7,629.7

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	July± 1986	June 1986	July 1985	July± 1986	June 1986	July 1985	July± 1986	June 1986	July 1985
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 396.61	$ 395.24	$ 384.48	41.4	41.3	40.6	$ 9.58	$ 9.57	$ 9.47
Durable Goods	386.88	386.26	379.55	41.6	41.4	40.9	9.30	9.33	9.28
Lumber & Wood Products	275.54	276.62	265.86	40.7	40.8	40.1	6.77	6.78	6.63
Furniture & Fixtures	249.29	245.50	227.18	37.6	38.3	37.0	6.63	6.41	6.14
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	392.47	380.12	392.02	44.7	43.0	44.7	8.78	8.84	8.77
Primary Metal Industries	394.63	420.84	426.42	40.6	40.7	41.2	9.72	10.34	10.35
Fabricated Metal Products	357.69	359.88	368.58	40.1	40.3	41.6	8.92	8.93	8.86
Machinery, exc. Electric	396.33	396.90	393.41	41.5	42.0	40.6	9.55	9.45	9.69
Oil Field Machinery	418.94	446.06	468.71	38.4	39.3	41.7	10.91	11.35	11.24
Electric & Electronic Equip.	439.21	430.68	384.34	43.4	42.1	39.5	10.12	10.23	9.73
Transportation Equipment	504.00	512.13	505.12	42.0	42.5	41.1	12.00	12.05	12.29
Instruments & Related Prod.	322.94	341.82	314.82	38.4	39.7	39.5	8.41	8.61	7.97
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	267.55	268.13	263.64	40.6	40.2	39.0	6.59	6.67	6.76
Nondurable Goods	410.94	407.06	392.12	41.3	41.2	40.3	9.95	9.88	9.73
Food & Kindred Products	344.01	347.77	345.49	41.8	41.9	42.6	8.23	8.30	8.11
Meat Products	283.58	277.16	292.22	42.2	41.0	43.1	6.72	6.76	6.78
Malt Beverages	862.05	849.82	809.28	49.6	48.7	48.0	17.38	17.45	16.86
Textile Mill Products	291.29	299.71	280.44	42.4	41.8	41.0	6.87	7.17	6.84
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	194.18	200.34	186.95	37.2	37.8	36.3	5.22	5.30	5.15
Paper & Allied Products	454.65	444.87	436.38	43.3	42.9	42.0	10.50	10.37	10.39
Printing & Publishing	381.57	369.76	361.56	39.5	38.8	39.3	9.66	9.53	9.20
Chemicals & Allied Products	649.89	640.50	625.05	43.5	42.9	42.9	14.94	14.93	14.57
Petroleum & Coal Products	672.72	676.58	620.15	44.2	44.6	39.3	15.22	15.17	15.78
Petroleum Refining	701.96	706.05	641.85	44.4	44.8	38.9	15.81	15.76	16.50
Leather & Leather Products	197.29	210.14	174.24	36.2	38.0	33.0	5.45	5.53	5.28
Other Nondurable Goods	385.34	377.83	361.42	43.2	42.5	40.7	8.92	8.89	8.88
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	509.76	504.71	476.93	43.2	42.2	43.2	11.80	11.96	11.04
Oil & Gas Extraction	514.40	509.72	479.52	43.3	42.3	43.2	11.88	12.05	11.10
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	436.35	414.91	435.15	42.2	40.4	45.0	10.34	10.27	9.67
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	483.20	484.80	460.55	40.0	40.4	39.6	12.08	12.00	11.63
Elec., Gas & San. Services	463.25	467.08	447.88	40.6	40.3	39.6	11.41	11.59	11.31
Wholesale & Retail Trade	230.58	227.22	231.17	32.8	32.6	33.6	7.03	6.97	6.88
Wholesale Trade	384.80	380.89	375.60	40.0	39.8	40.0	9.62	9.57	9.39
Retail Trade	183.91	180.27	183.65	30.6	30.4	31.5	6.01	5.93	5.83
General Merchandise Stores	195.00	190.03	183.26	30.0	29.6	30.8	6.50	6.42	5.95
Banking	272.92	284.98	270.34	37.8	39.2	38.4	7.22	7.27	7.04

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 397.46	$ 396.79	$ 372.69	42.6	41.9	41.0	$ 9.33	$ 9.47	$ 9.09
Durable Goods	419.74	418.08	391.00	42.7	41.6	40.9	9.83	10.05	9.56
Nondurable Goods	355.32	359.55	339.08	42.2	42.4	41.1	8.42	8.48	8.25
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	384.74	395.50	381.23	40.8	41.5	40.6	9.43	9.53	9.39
Durable Goods	398.05	413.09	394.79	40.7	41.6	40.7	9.78	9.93	9.70
Nondurable Goods	351.85	351.02	346.58	41.2	41.2	40.3	8.54	8.52	8.60
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	474.47	468.29	471.49	42.1	41.7	42.4	11.27	11.23	11.12
Durable Goods	402.27	398.26	412.85	41.6	41.1	42.3	9.67	9.69	9.76
Nondurable Goods	561.08	553.74	555.08	42.7	42.4	42.6	13.14	13.06	13.03
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	291.17	299.15	286.24	39.4	40.7	39.7	7.39	7.35	7.21
Durable Goods	308.37	315.53	306.61	40.1	41.3	41.1	7.69	7.64	7.46
Nondurable Goods	274.32	282.71	265.04	38.8	40.1	38.3	7.07	7.05	6.92

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

An increase among credit agencies and security brokers was the primary stimulus for the sizeable growth in finance, insurance and real estate in July. The other finance, insurance and real estate sector, which encompasses brokers and credit agencies, added 2,000 jobs over the month, while insurance carriers, agents and brokers recorded a moderate increase and banking decreased slightly.

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Both sectors of manufacturing continued their downward trends of the past few months in July, with the largest losses due to layoffs within nondurable goods. Both temporary and permanent plant closings within apparel and other textile products dropped employment by 2,000 over the month. The closing of a plant and the conclusion of the early tomato harvest were primarily responsible for the downturn of 1,200 in food and kindred products. Most other nondurable goods sectors reported minor declines in July.

The only upswing in employment in durable goods occurred in electrical and electronic equipment, where the ending of a labor-management dispute brought workers back to their jobs after a two-month absence. With the continued downturn in oil and gas exploration, many oil field drillers have begun cannibalizing unused rigs for parts; thus, oil field machinery manufacture continues to decline, with 800 positions lost in July.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

The number of manufacturing production workers in Texas was unchanged over the month at 629,300, down 35,200 from the July 1985 estimate. Average weekly hours in manufacturing rose by 0.1 hour between June and July, while average hourly earnings increased by 1¢, raising average weekly earnings by $1.37 over the month. The average production worker in July was working a 41.4-hour week at $9.58 per hour, and averaging $396.61 per week.

QUARTERLY UI BENEFITS PAID BY MSA
Second Quarter 1986
(April-June 1986)

Abilene	2,447,955
Amarillo	2,429,467
Austin	7,467,613
Beaumont-Port Arthur	10,988,712
Brazoria PMSA	4,075,133
Brownsville-Harlingen	3,726,449
Bryan-College Station	1,591,413
Corpus Christi	8,543,570
Dallas PMSA	27,330,920
El Paso	6,984,495
Fort Worth-Arlington PMSA	17,740,982
Galveston-Texas City PMSA	4,803,186
Houston PMSA	77,513,724
Killeen-Temple	1,692,422
Laredo	2,087,784
Longview-Marshall	4,835,694
Lubbock	2,258,537
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	5,594,562
Midland	3,097,973
Odessa	5,678,919
San Angelo	1,529,221
San Antonio	11,713,579
Sherman-Denison	1,189,619
Texarkana (Bowie Co. only)	1,076,051
Tyler	2,530,347
Victoria	2,096,818
Waco	2,938,834
Wichita Falls	2,377,063

TEC ACTIVITIES

	July 1986	July 1985
Total Population	16,751,000	16,370,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.6	1.5
UI Covered Employers	312,482**	311,058
Total Claims Actions	902,729	500,986
Total Initial Claims Actions	92,920	66,378
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	809,809	434,608
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$160.62	$143.87
Total Amount Paid (Net)***	$120,951,815	$53,829,067
Total Placements	INA	46,455

*Revised.
**June 1986 data.
***Regular State UI benefits.

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Labor Market Review

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UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS SLIGHTLY

Unemployment in Texas changed very little over the month, as the actual unemployment rate slid from 9.3 percent in July to 9.1 percent in August. Some 33,500 fewer people were actively seeking work in August, and total employment declined by 117,200. At mid-month, there were an estimated 740,000 jobless in the State, while employment totaled 7,388,600. A large portion of the declines in both employment and unemployment were seasonal, as some unsuccessful summer job-seekers withdrew from the labor force and a portion of the jobs created for the summer were deleted.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Aug. 1986	Jul. 1986	Aug. 1985
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	119,470.0	120,303.0	116,679.0
Unemployment	7,955.0	8,471.0	8,051.0
Percent Unemployed	6.7	7.0	6.9
Total Employment	111,515.0	111,832.0	108,628.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	118,182.0	118,072.0	115,343.0
Unemployment	8,027.0	8,190.0	8,133.0
Percent Unemployed	6.8	6.9	7.1
Total Employment	110,155.0	109,882.0	107,210.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	8,128.6	8,279.3	8,144.3
Unemployment	740.0	773.5	566.7
Percent Unemployed	9.1	9.3	7.0
Total Employment	7,388.6	7,505.8	7,577.6
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,068.0	8,108.0	8,082.0
Unemployment	740.0	707.0	574.0
Percent Unemployed	9.2	8.7	7.1
Total Employment	7,328.0	7,401.0	7,508.0

The seasonality of the over-the-month changes was substantiated by the upward trend of the unemployment rate in the seasonally adjusted series, which rose from 8.7 percent in July to 9.2 percent in August. The August rates in both the actual and the seasonally adjusted series were over two percentage points above those for August 1985. The U. S. seasonally adjusted rate inched down from 6.9 percent to 6.8 percent over the month, while the actual rate dropped a bit more, from 7.0 percent in July to 6.7 percent in August.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT DOWN

Seasonal declines combined with continued layoffs related to the drop in oil and gas activity in August, pushing the total count of nonfarm salaried jobs in Texas down by 11,100. Most of the decrease occurred in the nonmanufacturing sector, while manufacturing recorded an over-the-month increase for the first time in a year.

The largest of the declines in nonmanufacturing occurred in government, where both the state and local sectors deleted jobs in August. In both state and local government, a large portion of the decline was due to state universities and colleges laying off personnel at the end of the summer semester. Employment in local government also declined due to summer recreational programs ending.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Aug. '86*	Jul. '86**	Aug. '85**	Aug. '86*	Jul. '86**	Aug. '85**	Aug. '86*	Jul. '86**	Aug. '85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	51,600	51,700	52,400	80,600	80,500	81,500	359,100	360,900	355,700
Manufacturing	5,000	5,000	5,300	10,100	10,100	10,300	40,800	41,100	42,800
Mining	3,400	3,400	4,000	1,400	1,400	1,900	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,900	4,100	4,000	4,900	25,500	26,000	28,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,900	6,000	6,100	6,400	11,600	11,600	10,700
Trade	14,400	14,500	14,300	24,700	24,800	24,300	82,600	82,600	80,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,800	2,800	2,800	4,400	4,400	4,600	25,600	25,700	24,900
Services & Misc.	13,000	12,900	12,700	16,700	16,600	16,500	85,300	85,100	81,600
Government	7,400	7,500	7,500	13,200	13,100	12,600	86,600	87,700	85,300
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	127,200	128,100	135,200	56,400	56,900	58,100	65,200	65,200	64,500
Manufacturing	25,200	25,200	26,700	15,500	15,500	16,500	9,100	9,200	9,800
Mining	1,200	1,300	2,400	1,300	1,600	1,800	100	100	100
Construction	8,400	8,300	9,800	5,700	5,700	6,100	3,200	3,200	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,600	9,600	10,300	2,000	2,100	2,200	3,600	3,400	3,500
Trade	32,000	32,500	33,500	11,300	11,400	11,600	18,600	18,500	18,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,300	5,300	5,700	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,600	3,600	3,600
Services & Misc.	27,100	27,300	28,300	8,300	8,300	8,100	13,800	13,900	12,900
Government	18,400	18,600	18,500	10,000	10,000	9,500	13,200	13,300	12,900
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION 2/			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
TOTAL	46,500	46,600	47,000	132,500	134,100	134,900	1,344.7	1,348.5	1,313.1
Manufacturing	3,200	3,300	3,700	12,300	12,400	12,900	234.8	235.7	233.9
Mining	1,000	1,000	1,300	6,100	6,200	7,900	21.5	21.9	24.2
Construction	2,500	2,700	2,800	11,100	11,500	11,400	79.3	80.6	88.4
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,600	7,600	8,000	7,800	86.5	86.4	84.4
Trade	11,100	11,000	10,900	34,300	34,200	34,600	360.0	359.9	349.7
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,100	6,800	6,900	7,000	134.3	134.0	127.5
Services & Misc.	7,500	7,300	7,600	27,400	27,900	27,200	294.2	295.4	277.6
Government	17,800	17,900	17,000	26,900	27,000	26,100	134.1	134.6	127.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	175,600	175,200	177,600	510,700	508,800	505,300	71,800	71,800	72,000
Manufacturing	34,400	34,000	38,100	115,000	114,500	114,400	9,700	9,700	10,500
Mining	300	300	400	3,500	3,500	4,400	400	400	800
Construction	9,500	9,500	9,400	34,200	33,900	35,000	2,800	2,900	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,200	9,200	9,600	28,200	28,000	26,400	5,600	5,600	5,700
Trade	45,900	46,000	44,400	137,900	137,100	137,500	14,600	14,400	14,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,500	9,500	9,200	28,500	28,300	28,100	4,700	4,700	4,700
Services & Misc.	34,100	34,000	33,000	106,500	106,600	102,700	13,600	13,700	13,400
Government	32,700	32,700	33,500	56,900	56,900	56,800	20,400	20,400	18,800

Further losses in oil and gas extraction reduced mining employment by 4,300 over the month, leaving this industry 25 percent below its August 1985 level. Within services, the other services and miscellaneous sector was primarily responsible for the over-the-month decrease, as summer sports programs were phased out, summer workers in legal services were cut, and the demand for landscaping and horticultural services declined. Two other sectors, health services and educational services, recorded moderate growth over the month, but these increases were insufficient to overcome the larger loss. Every major segment of transportation and public utilities either registered employment declines or no change in August. The largest of the decreases were in electric, gas and sanitary services and in communication.

Partially offsetting these declines in nonmanufacturing were moderate advances in the retail portion of trade and in finance, insurance and real estate. Employers in trade added 2,100 workers in August, with all of the gain in the retail sector. Wholesale trade continued downward over the month and had lost 12,400 jobs during the past year. Much of this decline occurred in oil well machinery, equipment and supplies, for which there has been no demand in the past few months. Within the retail segment, back-to-school buying prompted additions in apparel and accessory stores, and smaller increases were reported among general merchandise stores and food stores.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Aug. '86*	Jul. '86**	Aug. '85**
	HOUSTON 3/		
TOTAL	1,462.4	1,466.6	1,488.9
Manufacturing	160.0	160.1	174.2
Mining	79.5	80.9	92.4
Construction	98.6	98.4	108.9
Trans., Comm., & Util.	97.7	98.6	101.0
Trade	371.1	370.4	381.3
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	116.0	115.5	111.6
Services & Misc.	356.8	358.3	347.2
Government	182.7	184.4	172.3
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	66,800	66,800	68,600
Manufacturing	15,500	15,500	16,200
Mining	4,100	4,100	4,600
Construction	3,100	3,100	3,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,500	3,600	3,600
Trade	17,700	17,700	17,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,600	3,600	3,400
Services & Misc.	11,700	11,600	11,800
Government	7,600	7,600	7,500
	MIDLAND		
TOTAL	46,100	46,300	49,300
Manufacturing	3,600	3,600	3,800
Mining	9,100	9,100	11,500
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,200	2,300	2,400
Trade	10,800	10,800	11,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,100	3,100	3,200
Services & Misc.	8,900	9,000	9,300
Government	6,100	6,100	5,500
	SAN ANTONIO		
TOTAL	482,900	483,400	480,700
Manufacturing	48,700	48,500	51,400
Mining	2,700	2,700	3,300
Construction	35,200	35,400	38,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,600	18,500	19,300
Trade	127,600	127,400	126,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	37,400	37,300	36,700
Services & Misc.	110,200	111,300	107,500
Government	102,500	102,300	98,400
	TYLER		
TOTAL	63,800	63,300	62,000
Manufacturing	11,300	10,900	11,000
Mining	2,200	2,000	2,800
Construction	2,700	2,900	3,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,100
Trade	18,400	18,200	17,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,000	4,100	4,000
Services & Misc.	13,900	13,800	13,100
Government	8,300	8,400	7,900
	WICHITA FALLS 2/		
TOTAL	51,100	51,400	51,400
Manufacturing	8,600	8,700	8,500
Mining	2,600	2,600	3,000
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800
Trade	12,900	12,900	12,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,400
Services & Misc.	9,900	9,900	9,700
Government	9,800	10,000	9,900

Industry	Aug. '86*	Jul. '86**	Aug. '85**
	KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	68,200	68,700	67,000
Manufacturing	8,900	8,900	8,800
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,900	4,100	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,900	2,900	2,900
Trade	16,600	16,500	16,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,000	3,000
Services & Misc.	13,400	13,600	12,500
Government	19,400	19,600	19,000
	LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	90,100	89,700	91,200
Manufacturing	7,200	7,200	8,000
Mining	400	400	500
Construction	4,400	4,300	5,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,400	4,400	4,500
Trade	27,200	27,300	27,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,500	5,400
Services & Misc.	20,400	20,000	19,900
Government	20,700	20,600	20,600
	ODESSA		
TOTAL	46,200	46,700	52,500
Manufacturing	4,300	4,400	5,100
Mining	6,800	6,900	9,000
Construction	2,300	2,400	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,700
Trade	13,600	13,500	14,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,000	8,000	8,100
Government	7,100	7,300	7,400
	SHERMAN-DENISON 2/		
TOTAL	37,300	37,200	36,700
Manufacturing	11,300	11,400	11,700
Mining	300	300	300
Construction	1,900	2,000	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trade	8,400	8,400	8,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,400
Services & Misc.	7,200	7,000	6,900
Government	4,800	4,700	4,600
	VICTORIA 2/		
TOTAL	27,700	27,600	29,800
Manufacturing	3,200	3,200	3,300
Mining	2,300	2,200	3,100
Construction	1,800	1,800	2,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,600
Trade	7,900	7,900	8,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,600
Services & Misc.	5,500	5,400	5,400
Government	4,100	4,100	4,100

Industry	Aug. '86*	Jul. '86**	Aug. '85**
	LAREDO 2/		
TOTAL	35,700	35,600	34,300
Manufacturing	2,000	1,700	1,800
Mining	1,600	1,600	2,000
Construction	1,400	1,400	1,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,800	3,800	3,800
Trade	10,700	10,700	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,500
Services & Misc.	6,200	6,200	5,700
Government	8,400	8,600	7,500
	MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	82,300	82,200	80,100
Manufacturing	11,700	12,000	11,100
Mining	1,400	1,300	1,700
Construction	4,700	4,600	4,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	25,200	25,200	24,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,900	3,900	3,900
Services & Misc.	13,400	13,400	12,800
Government	19,400	19,200	18,700
	SAN ANGELO 2/		
TOTAL	36,300	36,400	37,300
Manufacturing	5,700	5,700	5,500
Mining	600	600	900
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	3,100
Trade	9,400	9,400	9,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,000
Services & Misc.	7,500	7,500	7,700
Government	6,300	6,400	6,200
	TEXARKANA 2/		
TOTAL	45,400	45,300	45,800
Manufacturing	7,100	7,000	7,700
Mining	--	--	--
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trade	11,500	11,400	11,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	9,100	9,100	8,500
Government	11,600	11,700	12,300
	WACO		
TOTAL	76,500	76,700	76,700
Manufacturing	15,500	15,500	16,800
Mining	200	200	200
Construction	4,700	4,800	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,600	3,600	3,600
Trade	18,900	18,800	19,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,800	4,800	4,700
Services & Misc.	18,000	17,900	17,400
Government	10,800	11,100	10,500

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, with specified exceptions.

2/ Estimates prepared under the auspices of the Texas Employment Commission.

3/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Aug. 1986*	Jul. 1986**	Aug. 1985**	Change From Jul. 1986	Change From Aug. 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,653,400	6,664,500	6,677,000	-11,100	-23,600
Manufacturing	969,600	967,500	1,009,100	2,100	-39,500
Durable Goods	563,900	564,100	594,400	-200	-30,500
Lumber & Wood Products	41,300	41,600	42,200	-300	-900
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,700	7,600	7,700	100	0
Furniture & Fixtures	17,200	17,000	18,100	200	-900
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	47,600	48,000	50,400	-400	-2,800
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,400	22,600	24,100	-200	-1,700
Primary Metal Industries	30,400	29,700	33,700	700	-3,300
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,300	77,100	84,000	200	-6,700
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	40,200	40,200	43,600	0	-3,400
Machinery, Except Electrical	114,700	115,700	134,600	-1,000	-19,900
Oil Field Machinery	25,800	26,600	39,600	-800	-13,800
Electric & Electronic Equipment	118,100	118,600	116,100	-500	2,000
Transportation Equipment	83,200	82,500	79,600	700	3,600
Aircraft & Parts	48,000	46,900	41,700	1,100	6,300
Instruments & Related Products	22,500	22,600	23,400	-100	-900
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	11,600	11,300	12,300	300	-700
Nondurable Goods	405,700	403,400	414,700	2,300	-9,000
Food & Kindred Products	100,200	98,800	96,000	1,400	4,200
Meat Products	27,700	27,100	26,600	600	1,100
Dairy Products	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	0
Bakery Products	10,800	10,700	10,700	100	100
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,100	3,000	-100	0
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,000	4,800	0	-800
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	55,200	53,800	57,800	1,400	-2,600
Paper & Allied Products	23,000	23,100	23,200	-100	-200
Printing & Publishing	76,200	76,700	74,800	-500	1,400
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,300	38,900	37,100	-600	1,200
Chemicals & Allied Products	75,000	75,400	77,700	-400	-2,700
Petroleum & Coal Products	31,600	31,600	38,400	0	-6,800
Petroleum Refining	28,700	28,800	35,400	-100	-6,700
Leather & Leather Products	6,900	6,700	7,900	200	-1,000
Other Nondurable Goods	33,500	33,300	34,100	200	-600
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,683,800	5,697,000	5,667,900	-13,200	15,900
Mining	198,300	202,600	259,400	-4,300	-61,100
Oil & Gas Extraction	190,600	194,800	251,000	-4,200	-60,400
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	7,700	7,800	8,400	-100	-700
Construction	433,500	434,300	460,400	-800	-26,900
Transportation & Public Utilities	376,100	377,200	384,600	-1,100	-8,500
Railroad Transportation	22,000	22,000	23,800	0	-1,800
Transportation, Except Railroads	188,200	188,400	189,300	-200	-1,100
Transportation by Air	51,400	51,000	47,600	400	3,800
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	88,200	88,650	90,500	-450	-2,300
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	77,700	78,200	81,000	-500	-3,300
Electric Services	45,600	45,800	45,400	-200	200
Gas Production & Distribution	24,700	24,900	28,900	-200	-4,200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,723,100	1,721,000	1,713,900	2,100	9,200
Wholesale Trade	434,800	435,700	447,200	-900	-12,400
Retail Trade	1,288,300	1,285,300	1,266,700	3,000	21,600
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	49,700	50,300	55,900	-600	-6,200
General Merchandise Stores	164,000	163,200	158,400	800	5,600
Food Stores	237,200	236,500	226,600	700	10,600
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	147,200	146,800	146,700	400	500
Apparel & Accessory Stores	81,400	80,100	84,700	1,300	-3,300
Other Retail Trade	608,800	608,400	594,400	400	14,400
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	458,100	457,200	443,800	900	14,300
Banking	104,500	105,200	108,400	-700	-3,900
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	143,600	143,000	134,400	600	9,200
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	210,000	209,000	201,000	1,000	9,000
Services	1,388,000	1,390,800	1,359,200	-2,800	28,800
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	91,100	91,000	90,400	100	700
Personal Services	83,700	83,900	79,300	-200	4,400
Business & Repair Services	383,100	382,900	380,400	200	2,700
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	58,200	58,600	60,900	-400	-2,700
Health Services	364,300	362,900	351,200	1,400	13,100
Educational Services	60,300	59,100	58,700	1,200	1,600
Other Services & Miscellaneous	347,300	352,400	338,300	-5,100	9,000
Total Government	1,106,700	1,113,900	1,046,600	-7,200	60,100
Total Federal Government	191,800	191,100	188,100	700	3,700
Total State Government	231,500	234,900	226,300	-3,400	5,200
Total Local Government	683,400	687,900	632,200	-4,500	51,200

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Aug. '86*	Jul. '86**	Aug. '85**	Aug. '86*	Jul. '86**	Aug. '85**	Aug. '86*	Jul. '86**	Aug. '85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,400	56,700	55,800	100,100	101,900	103,000	413,500	421,700	414,400
Total Unemployment	5,400	5,700	3,100	6,600	7,000	5,500	23,900	24,600	18,800
Percent Unemployed	9.7	10.1	5.6	6.6	6.9	5.3	5.8	5.8	4.5
Total Employment 2/	50,000	51,000	52,700	93,500	94,900	97,500	389,600	397,100	395,600
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	158,000	162,300	170,500	78,500	80,300	80,000	93,100	95,200	92,300
Total Unemployment	23,700	25,200	23,700	9,100	9,700	7,200	14,000	15,400	12,100
Percent Unemployed	15.0	15.5	13.9	11.6	12.1	9.0	15.0	16.2	13.1
Total Employment 2/	134,300	137,100	146,800	69,400	70,600	72,800	79,100	79,800	80,200
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,900	56,300	55,700	165,900	170,600	167,000	1,393.1	1,419.5	1,379.6
Total Unemployment	3,800	4,200	2,800	20,200	21,200	15,500	80.4	83.5	67.2
Percent Unemployed	6.9	7.5	5.0	12.2	12.4	9.3	5.8	5.9	4.9
Total Employment 2/	51,100	52,100	52,900	145,700	149,400	151,500	1,312.7	1,336.0	1,312.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	211,600	216,500	216,000	641,500	650,500	639,500	106,000	108,100	108,200
Total Unemployment	24,600	27,000	22,300	42,900	45,400	32,500	12,000	12,600	10,700
Percent Unemployed	11.6	12.5	10.3	6.7	7.0	5.1	11.3	11.7	9.9
Total Employment 2/	187,000	189,500	193,700	598,600	605,100	607,000	94,000	95,500	97,500
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,650.9	1,681.6	1,672.2	87,200	89,200	87,100	44,000	45,000	42,600
Total Unemployment	175.2	181.2	129.8	6,900	7,400	5,800	7,100	7,400	5,300
Percent Unemployed	10.6	10.8	7.8	7.9	8.3	6.7	16.1	16.4	12.4
Total Employment 2/	1,475.7	1,500.4	1,542.4	80,300	81,800	81,300	36,900	37,600	37,300
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	80,600	82,600	82,100	107,400	109,000	109,900	132,600	134,100	130,500
Total Unemployment	10,400	11,200	7,700	7,100	7,700	6,400	26,400	26,100	24,200
Percent Unemployed	12.9	13.6	9.4	6.6	7.1	5.8	19.9	19.5	18.5
Total Employment 2/	70,200	71,400	74,400	100,300	101,300	103,500	106,200	108,000	106,300
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	52,900	54,200	54,000	60,600	62,300	62,300	43,700	45,000	45,100
Total Unemployment	6,500	6,700	3,000	10,500	11,100	4,000	3,200	3,800	2,300
Percent Unemployed	12.3	12.4	5.6	17.3	17.8	6.4	7.3	8.4	5.1
Total Employment 2/	46,400	47,500	51,000	50,100	51,200	58,300	40,500	41,200	42,800
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	557,900	567,300	559,700	46,700	47,300	46,600	56,600	57,400	58,100
Total Unemployment	41,400	42,500	33,400	3,800	3,900	3,100	4,900	5,400	4,900
Percent Unemployed	7.4	7.5	6.0	8.1	8.2	6.7	8.7	9.4	8.4
Total Employment 2/	516,500	524,800	526,300	42,900	43,400	43,500	51,700	52,000	53,200
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	77,000	77,200	76,400	37,100	37,600	39,200	87,800	89,500	88,400
Total Unemployment	7,100	6,700	6,400	4,100	4,500	2,600	7,100	7,500	5,300
Percent Unemployed	9.2	8.7	8.4	11.1	12.0	6.6	8.1	8.4	6.0
Total Employment 2/	69,900	70,500	70,000	33,000	33,100	36,600	80,700	82,000	83,100
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,600	57,800	56,800				8,128.6	8,279.3	8,144.3
Total Unemployment	4,800	5,000	3,200				740.0	773.5	566.7
Percent Unemployed	8.5	8.7	5.6				9.1	9.3	7.0
Total Employment 2/	51,800	52,800	53,600				7,388.6	7,505.8	7,577.6

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug.± 1986	Jul. 1986	Aug. 1985	Aug.± 1986	Jul. 1986	Aug. 1985	Aug.± 1986	Jul. 1986	Aug. 1985
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 399.49	$ 394.97	$ 389.87	41.7	41.1	41.3	$ 9.58	$ 9.61	$ 9.44
Durable Goods	390.21	382.42	386.46	41.6	40.9	41.6	9.38	9.35	9.29
Lumber & Wood Products	272.16	272.28	265.05	40.5	40.1	39.5	6.72	6.79	6.71
Furniture & Fixtures	277.20	240.86	248.46	42.0	37.4	40.4	6.60	6.44	6.15
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	392.03	391.57	386.59	44.6	44.7	44.9	8.79	8.76	8.61
Primary Metal Industries	419.36	419.62	430.73	39.6	40.7	41.9	10.59	10.31	10.28
Fabricated Metal Products	362.39	356.80	372.59	40.4	40.0	42.1	8.97	8.92	8.85
Machinery, exc. Electric	387.84	394.56	396.62	40.4	41.1	41.1	9.60	9.60	9.65
Oil Field Machinery	420.31	417.76	476.21	37.9	37.2	41.7	11.09	11.23	11.42
Electric & Electronic Equip.	430.10	414.10	405.08	42.5	40.4	41.0	10.12	10.25	9.88
Transportation Equipment	534.26	502.85	521.17	43.9	41.8	42.2	12.17	12.03	12.35
Instruments & Related Prod.	346.23	320.04	325.62	40.4	38.1	40.3	8.57	8.40	8.08
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	259.26	267.81	263.93	40.7	40.7	39.1	6.37	6.58	6.75
Nondurable Goods	410.33	411.93	395.65	41.7	41.4	41.0	9.84	9.95	9.65
Food & Kindred Products	353.38	347.71	337.45	43.2	42.3	42.5	8.18	8.22	7.94
Meat Products	283.05	280.31	288.65	42.5	41.9	42.7	6.66	6.69	6.76
Malt Beverages	892.21	862.05	813.62	51.1	49.6	48.2	17.46	17.38	16.88
Textile Mill Products	310.10	289.49	289.25	43.8	42.2	42.6	7.08	6.86	6.79
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	195.36	194.03	197.69	37.0	37.1	37.8	5.28	5.23	5.23
Paper & Allied Products	447.98	456.62	446.26	43.2	43.2	43.2	10.37	10.57	10.33
Printing & Publishing	379.99	376.49	370.94	39.5	39.3	39.8	9.62	9.58	9.32
Chemicals & Allied Products	628.23	648.63	614.98	43.0	43.3	42.5	14.61	14.98	14.47
Petroleum & Coal Products	684.73	681.10	644.52	44.9	44.4	41.0	15.25	15.34	15.72
Petroleum Refining	711.22	711.82	667.48	44.9	44.6	40.7	15.84	15.96	16.40
Leather & Leather Products	220.22	216.22	230.22	38.1	37.8	39.9	5.78	5.72	5.77
Other Nondurable Goods	396.32	387.94	370.23	43.6	43.2	41.0	9.09	8.98	9.03
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	506.94	507.61	476.43	42.6	42.8	42.5	11.90	11.86	11.21
Oil & Gas Extraction	511.55	511.03	478.27	42.7	42.8	42.4	11.98	11.94	11.28
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	433.26	440.77	431.42	41.5	42.3	44.8	10.44	10.42	9.63
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	480.33	480.30	472.03	40.5	40.6	39.6	11.86	11.83	11.92
Elec., Gas & San. Services	456.55	466.09	450.40	40.8	40.6	40.0	11.19	11.48	11.26
Wholesale & Retail Trade	228.66	229.27	230.82	32.9	32.8	33.5	6.95	6.99	6.89
Wholesale Trade	377.15	382.24	376.40	39.7	39.9	40.0	9.50	9.58	9.41
Retail Trade	183.57	182.68	182.79	30.8	30.6	31.3	5.96	5.97	5.84
General Merchandise Stores	193.62	196.76	177.61	30.3	30.6	29.7	6.39	6.43	5.98
Banking	275.12	273.22	267.14	38.0	38.0	38.0	7.24	7.19	7.03

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 398.47	$ 393.34	$ 381.47	42.3	41.8	41.6	$ 9.42	$ 9.41	$ 9.17
Durable Goods	420.33	413.09	401.70	42.5	41.6	41.8	9.89	9.93	9.61
Nondurable Goods	360.78	357.43	343.60	42.0	42.1	41.1	8.59	8.49	8.36
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	396.76	392.64	395.08	41.2	41.2	41.5	9.63	9.53	9.52
Durable Goods	419.33	410.52	411.46	41.6	41.3	41.9	10.08	9.94	9.82
Nondurable Goods	340.54	346.01	352.69	40.3	40.9	40.4	8.45	8.46	8.73
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	480.80	476.70	470.30	42.7	42.0	42.6	11.26	11.35	11.04
Durable Goods	401.52	396.62	420.97	42.0	41.1	43.0	9.56	9.65	9.79
Nondurable Goods	576.40	571.51	540.99	43.7	43.1	42.1	13.19	13.26	12.85
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	296.79	297.82	295.48	40.6	40.3	40.7	7.31	7.39	7.26
Durable Goods	315.34	308.43	319.70	40.9	39.9	42.4	7.71	7.73	7.54
Nondurable Goods	277.78	286.64	271.75	40.2	40.6	39.1	6.91	7.06	6.95

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

Despite further layoffs in banking, which has now lost 3,900 jobs over the year, the finance, insurance and real estate group managed an increase of 900 in August. The largest number of jobs were created within credit agencies and in the real estate portions of the other finance, insurance and real estate sector, which increased by 1,000 over the month. A smaller gain was registered among insurance carriers, agents and brokers.

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Although the over-the-month growth in manufacturing was modest, it was a welcome change from the continual downturns experienced during the past year. The expansion was not, however, evenly spread between durable and nondurable goods, as the durable goods sector actually lost jobs in August. The most notable growth within durable goods occurred in primary metal industries, where workers at a large plant returned from unpaid vacations. Newly awarded defense contracts helped boost employment in the aircraft and parts segment of transportation equipment. These gains were partially obscured by extensive cuts in nonelectrical machinery, where employment in oil field machinery continued to decline. More moderate decreases occurred in electric and electronic equipment, in stone, clay and glass products, and in lumber and wood products.

There were two substantial increases in nondurable goods in August, as food and kindred products and apparel and other finished textile products each gained 1,400 jobs. The preparation of poultry for the coming Holiday season and the canning of chili peppers generated seasonal growth in food and kindred products over the month. The recall of temporarily laid-off workers by manufacturers of apparel pushed employment in apparel and other finished textile products upward. Most other nondurable goods sectors registered small downturns in August.

AVERAGE HOURS WORKED RISE WHILE AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS DROP

The number of manufacturing production workers in Texas rose over the month by 3,500, totaling 628,200 in mid-August. The average hours worked per week increased by 0.6 hour in August, while average hourly earnings declined by 3¢. At mid-month, the average worker earned $9.58 an hour for a 41.7-hour week, while his average weekly earnings were $399.49.

Both the number of hours worked per week and average hourly earnings rose in the durable goods sector; but hourly earnings dropped by 11¢ within nondurable goods as several industries reported either less overtime worked or more overtime without premium pay.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Aug. 1986	Aug. 1985
Total Population	16,782,750	16,401,750*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.7	1.5
UI Covered Employers	315,457	312,144
Total Claims Actions	816,241	450,408
Total Initial Claims Actions	81,431	61,950
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	734,810	388,458
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$159.50	$143.53
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$108,318,851	$52,899,212
Total Placements	28,338	41,276

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.